

WORLD DRAGON COUNCIL



STANDARDIZED EVALUATION TEST FOR FIRST YEAR DRAGON STUDENTS

DRAGON STUDENT NAME: JAKE LONG

AGE: 13 years old (birthday coming up - hoping for a new skateboard)

DATE: July 30, 2003

DRAGON TERRITORY: New York city, USA! USA! USA!

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All First Year Dragons are required to complete Sections A-F using only #2 Gremlin Blood Ink—no exceptions. You will have three human hours (.004 Dragon lunars) to complete the exam. No talking, fire-breathing, or mind reading spells will be tolerated.

SECTION A: GENERAL DRAGON COMPREHENSION

1) In your own words, describe your duties and responsibilities as a Dragon.

Right. My Grandfather only tells me this like a MILLION times every day. Here it goes— As a Dragon, it is my destiny to act as guardian, protector, and champion to the magical creatures and beings secretly living among humans in my territory—New York City, U.S.A.

-5 points

Wait—there's also some other thing something about the council maybe? I can't quite remember. Oh, well. Probably no big.

All Dragons must abide by the orders and decrees of the International Dragon Council at all times and with out question.

2) Provide a brief history of the Dragon Species.

Gotcha. I totally remember studying this part while I was checking out the X Games on TV last week. Tony Hawk rules!

Dragons are the most powerful of all magical creatures. Because of this awesome magical clout, we Dragons were long ago designated to be the protectors of the magical realm and all its denizens. Dragons have always been like the police/superheroes of the magical world. I mean, how cool is that?

Dragons are ancient creatures that come in a variety of species. I am a Chinese Red Razor Back, which works out well because red happens to be a totally styling color on me. Goes well with my NY Mets hat. Red also matches the sweet decals on my skateboard, which—oh, hold up. I'm drifting, aren't I? Grandpa warned me about that. He's going to totally melt down if I flunk this test. Back to business:

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Dragons have been around forever. In China, dragons were considered by humans to be benevolent spirits of good fortune who controlled the wind and rain. In Japan, humans knew Dragons as shape-shifting creatures who would appear to lost travelers. In Medieval Europe, Dragons were negatively stereotyped as ferocious damsel-snatching monsters and hunted to near extinction by knights. In fact, dragons have a rich history in all parts of the world except mine. I guess that's where I come in.

No mention of the Great Asia to Europe Dragon Migration of 1232 AD on the formation of the World Dragon Council in 1232 AD

I'm training to be the first American Dragon.

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3) List a Dragon's basic powers and describe them:

1) DRAGON BREATH

Dragons mainly breathe fire but can also exhale other cool stuff. We're talking frost, steam, fog, electrical current, sonic blasts, ultraviolet light, etc. I'm still working on controlling the basic fire stuff-- which might explain why I accidentally burped a high-intensity fireball in the sacred Dragon Council Chamber on my way into this test. Sorry about that. My bad.

2) FLIGHT

All but a few rare wingless varieties of Dragons can fly. But it takes practice. This happens to be one of my better Dragon subjects. I can totally soar. I do occasionally slam through billboards and high-rise buildings but that's normal for a First Year Dragon, uh, right?

3) SUPER SENSES -- EYESIGHT, SMELL, HEARING

Dragons have the eyes of a hawk, the nose of a bloodhound, and the ears of a bat. Very cool stuff. It comes in handy. I can smell if Mom's cooking broccoli from three blocks away and make plans to eat dinner at Trixie's. I can also listen in when the cute girls at school are whispering to check out if they're talking about me. Usually they're not.

Actually, never.

-2
points

Flagrant
misuse of
dragon powers

4) SCALES, TALONS, AND TAIL

Dragons have tough fire-retardant scales, super strong talons, and a spiked whip-like tail. All very useful when I have to dish out some of my freaky Kung fu fighting moves. Bad dudes beware.

5) Briefly describe a Dragon's magical abilities, potential, and restrictions.

Oooh, I know this one! Dragons have almost unlimited magical potential with the right combination of magical herbs, objects, and willpower. Dragons can do all kinds of cool stuff like turn invisible, shape-shift into anything, gain super speed, control the weather, and cast a variety of other really tight magical spells. I can't wait to get me in on some of that noise!

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points

Advanced
Dragon magic
is forbidden
to all but
Master Level
Dragons.

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SECTION B: MAGICAL CREATURES AND THEIR HABITS

1) Provide a history of magical creatures from the time of Myth and Folklore to the present day.

Once upon a time, the world was openly populated with magical creatures of all kinds who lived side by side with humans. Unicorns roamed the hills. Every cobbler's shop had its very own shoemaker elf. Leprechauns hid pots of gold at the end of every rainbow. Milkmaids would find imps in the butter churn. It was totally Fairy Tale central.

But as the human population grew and became more advanced, the need for and tolerance of magical beings greatly declined. Most were hunted to near extinction. In order to adapt and survive, magical creatures began to blend into the human world and have remained hidden all over the world to this day. Humans were led to believe that these creatures all died out or, better yet, that they never existed at all.

Today, a wide variety of unique magical creatures secretly populate a select number of human cities around the globe. Some humanoid magical beings (like Elves, Gnomes, Leprechauns, etc.) can actually pass for human and interact fairly openly with the general population, though it might require hiding a pair of pointed ears or cloven hooves. Others, like fairies and sprites are often mistaken for large insects or hummingbirds. Large and/or distinctive magical creatures (Trolls, unicorns, griffins, Fairies, Goblins) have secret communities hidden within the cities themselves. Remote areas like underground tunnels, beneath bridges, deserted parks, or the roofs of tall buildings make ideal locations for these hidden magical societies.

2) Describe how Dragons have been able to adapt to today's human-dominated world.

Dragons have managed to successfully blend in with human society in two ways. First, Dragons have been magically breeding so that the dominant Dragon gene skips a generation. Every other generation of Dragons, while still technically Dragons, do not exhibit Dragon powers or appearance in any way. Secondly, Dragons have used their shape-shifting power to ensure that the generations of Dragons born with Dragon dominant

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...traits appear as humans at birth and retain the human form as their natural state. Dragon traits do not manifest themselves at all until puberty.

Heck, I didn't even know I was a dragon until my Grandpa sprung it on me last year. I'm still reeling. Imagine my surprise. I going along thinking I'm an average, normal kid and then this old dude is all like—"Hey, guess what? You're an enchanted fire breathing beast with an important magical destiny." Pretty heavy stuff. I even—wait, I'm losing focus again, aren't I? Grandpa is gonna throttle me. Oh, snap. I only have two hours left.

3) Briefly provide an overview of the magical citizens and communities that inhabit your specific Dragon territory.

New York city is the great melting pot, dude. Little Italy, Chinatown, Harlem. Every few blocks is a new world. And the magic creatures make it a melting pot within a melting pot. We've got a herd of unicorns in central park, a Leprechaun Stock Exchange on Wall Street. There's Ogres town, the Triborough Troll Bridge, the mystical city between NoHo and SoHo, the underwater Hudson Mermaids, the North Jersey Goblin cartel, and especially the MAGUS BAZAAR, where all the magical creatures get together—the list goes on and on. I totally ♥ New York. NYC. WHAAAAAT!

Better get crackin'!

SECTION C: VISUAL IDENTIFICATION OF MAGICAL CREATURES (MULTIPLE CHOICE)

Based on the following pictures, identify the magical creature and list its basic characteristics.

- 1) ☐ a Griffin
☒ b Troll
☐ c Giant
☐ d Elf



Trolls are large dim-witted creature known for their violent temper. Most Trolls live in small villages built under bridges. Some more "intelligent" Trolls have managed to gain work in the human world as bodyguards, bouncers, and NFL defensive linemen.

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- 2) ☐ (a) Pixie
☐ (b) Leprechaun
☐ (c) Oni
☒ (d) Dwarf



Dwarves are a rugged subterranean race known for their work-ethic. Dwarves enjoy working in tunnels, sewers, factories, and sweatshops. They will work non-stop and with out distraction. Grandpa says I could learn a lot from them.

- 3) ☐ (a) Field Sprite
☒ (b) Water Sprite
☐ (c) Fire Sprite
☐ (d) Earth Sprite



Whoah, I actually have to name which type of sprite? Man, that's tough. I'll be honest with you. I'm pretty much rolling the dice on this one. Anyway, sprites are winged Fairies that deliver messages through out the magic world. They pride themselves on being able to find someone wherever they

-2 points

it is a water sprite; note gills

are and deliver their message on time.

- 3) ☐ (a) Centaur
☐ (b) Minotaur
☒ (c) Unicorn
☐ (d) Pegasus



Easy one. Unicorns are the rarest and most elusive of all magical creatures. There are only a few herds left in the world. Their horns, mane, and tails have such incredible magical power that many seek to hunt and do harm to these beautiful creatures. They are timid and distrustful of everyone, including dragons.

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- 2) ☐ (a) Elf
☐ (b) Goblin
☐ (c) Hobgoblin
☐ (d) Leprechaun



Goblins are a fierce and ruthless race of creatures who are broken down into five specific tribes. Goblins run almost all of the organized crime operations that go on within the magical community.

Think "Godfather" or "The Sopranos"

- 3) ☐ (a) Human X
☐ (b) Nymph
☐ (c) Cyclops
☒ (d) Werewolf



-5 points

WEREWOLF
note hairy palms

Uh, hello? clearly a human. Nothing very magical here.
 In fact, he kind of looks like my Dad.

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SECTION D

DRAGON STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION

The following will be kept by the council in your permanent Dragon records file.
Please include photographs and brief descriptions of the following:

1) Dragon Student (yourself)

JAKE LONG, at your service. Not much to say, really. I'm a pretty average thirteen year old. You know, except for this whole dragon thing. I dig video games, extreme sports, all sorts of music, the occasional comic book. Mad plays with the ladies (though I technically have only been out on one date). What can I say? What you see is what you get.

I pretty much rock.

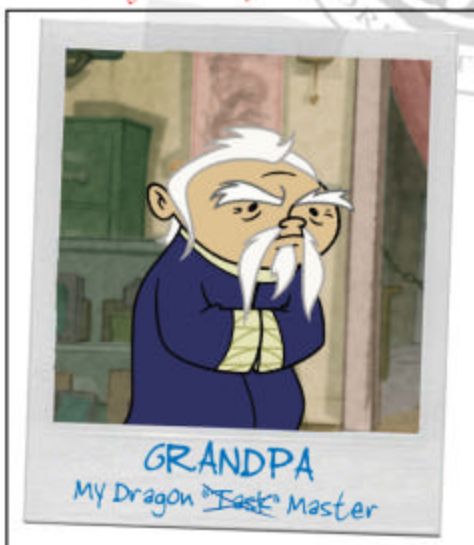
Modesty and humility are the cornerstones of all Dragon Training.

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"Enter the REAL DRAGON!"

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GRANDPA
My Dragon ~~Task~~ Master

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2) Your Dragon Master

My Grandpa (Mom's dad). His real name is LAO SHI. He comes from a long line of powerful and influential Chinese Dragons and recently immigrated to the US in order to take me under his wing (and I mean literally under his wing) and train me to be the first American Dragon. Grandpa bought an electronics store on Canal Street in Chinatown and is using it as the (cont. >)

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(Question 2) Your Dragon Master continued)

front for my training studio.

He is a very patient, organized, polite, and proper. Half the time I have no idea what he's talking about. He says stuff like—"The ox moves very slowly, but the mountain is patient." Say what? At the same time, he doesn't seem to understand me much either when I throw terms like "phat" and "bling-bling" at him. Skateboarding and rap music are just way beyond him. Despite our communication gap, we've somehow managed to make it all work. I never knew my Grandpa until he arrived to train me but I totally trust him with my life now.

3) Your Animal Guardian

FU DOG is a six hundred year old magical shar-pei (you know, those wrinkly dogs). He and Grandpa go way back and when Grandpa came to this country to train me, FU Dog agreed to go with him and act as my official animal guardian. Despite being pals, Grandpa and FU Dog are total opposites. While Grandpa is quiet and neat, FU Dog is loud, messy, and a bit obnoxious. Mom calls them 'Felix' and 'Oscar' from 'The Odd Couple' and sometimes refers to FU as a 'canine Andrew Dice Clay.' I have no idea what those things mean. Must have been stuff before my time.



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As my animal guardian, FU Dog is instrumental in helping me through my training, though he has a completely different approach to things than Grandpa. If I'm having girl problems, Grandpa would want to read me some Haiku love poetry or something. FU Dog would rush me out to that exotic Pixie-A-Go-Go club hidden behind the jumbo screen in Time Square. Or buy me a keg of Goblin ale. FU Dog loves America and all that it has to offer. He also loves to gamble and places constant bets with his Goblin bookie. He even bet fifty dog biscuits that I would get less than a 'C' on this test. Sucker! I'm on my way to A-plusing this bad boy right now, aren't I?

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(Question 3) Your Animal Guardian continued)

My parents sometimes worry that FU Dog might be a bad influence on me, but when the chips are down, I know FU Dog's got my back big time.

Deep down, he's got a heart of gold. It's just way, way deep down.



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fancy society dinners, weddings, political fundraisers, etc. She mostly does work in the human world but her legendary cooking is in demand in both the human and magical communities.

3) Your Family

MOM

Like me, my Mom is a dragon. Only she doesn't have any powers or anything because they totally skipped her generation (the one between Grandpa and me). My Mom is just about the best Mom a kid could ever want. She's sweet, smart, listens, and trusts me. Since she's from a family of Dragons, she's also been very helpful and understanding in helping me work through this whole Dragon thing. I don't think I could do it without her.

Mom is also a professional caterer and party planner. She handles all kinds of

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(Question 4) Your Family continued)

DAD is a normal human. Dad grew up in a very traditional Midwestern household and the idea of magical creatures and spells might be too much for him to handle. He tends to freak out about stuff. Like if there's a spider on his sweater. Imagine how he'd react if he found out he married into a family of magical reptiles! Don't get me wrong, he's a great dad. When it comes to teaching me to throw a curve ball or going on fishing trips or just having man to man talks, he's the best. But I think Dad just wants to have a normal family life. It just makes being a teenage dragon that much harder when you have to keep it a secret from your own dad! Dad works in an office building and wears a tie to work every day. He has clients that he has to impress a lot. He carries a briefcase. Beyond that, I'm not really sure what he actually does for a living.



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HALEY

This is my seven year old sister, Haley. I totally hate her. OK, let me back off that. I don't. I love her. She's just so perfect. She's really cute, gets the best grades in her 'gifted student' classes, and excels in ballet, violin, and figure skating. I mean, could she be any more annoying?

What's worse, she and I are the same generation, so she also has Dragon powers and form like me. (cont.)

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(Question 4) Your Family continued)

They just haven't fully matured yet. But she thinks she's the American Dragon. She's always following me around and sneaking off to join me on my Dragon patrols and Dragon missions. I can't tell you how many times I've had to save her skin. OK, there was that one time when she actually saved me from that Minotaur Den in the East Village, but that was just a freak thing. Oh, and there was that other time when she had to save that Mermaid Princess from a rampaging Kraken because I had a garbage can stuck on my head but, well, see what I mean? I do totally hate her.

-10 points

Underage dragons are not permitted on council-sanctioned Dragon Patrols or Missions.

5) Your Friends and Associates



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TRIXIE

Trixie is my main man. Only she's a girl. But a totally cool girl. She's African-American and a total skateboard rat like me. Trixie has the most upbeat, enthusiastic attitude of anyone I know. She's up for anything and is constantly pulling me away from my school work and Dragon training to do cool stuff. Trixie is always leading the way at school when it comes to fashion and music trends but she's way too independent to actually hang with the popular chicks. Lucky for me.

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(Question 5) Your Friends and Associates continued)

SPUD

Spud is another one of my skateboarding crew. He, Trixie, and I shred serious asphalt from Harlem all the way to Queens. Spud is a weird guy. Most people write him off as a slacker because he seems kind of slow and dim-witted but if you hang with him for long enough, you start noticing that occasionally, like out of nowhere, he'll suddenly start quoting philosophy or drop some quantum physics theory on you. Spud makes me think there might be a thin line between really smart and really dumb. He walks that razor's edge.



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Oh, and not so long ago, Trixie and Spud sort of figured out that I'm a Dragon. It's a long story but it totally wasn't my fault. It's not like I told them. It just sort of happened. But don't worry. We can totally trust them not to tell and they have a bunch of skills that might even be able to help me with some of the harder stuff I know I'm going to go up against in my second year.



ROSE

Well, she's not really a friend or an associate. In fact, right now, she's barely aware of my existence at all, though trust me, Mack Daddy is on his way to changing all that with a quickness. Rose is the new girl at school. She just started this year. Every time I look at her, I feel like my stomach is filled with fluttering forest sprites. She has the most incredible hair. And those eyes! I could go on and on about her, but I see that I only have forty-five minutes left to finish this test, so just check out the photo. I know you guys will all agree that's some serious hotness going on.

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A Dragon's identity is to remain secret from all humans that are not blood relations. Council recommends immediate memory wash spells for those human subjects.

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SECTION E

MAGICAL ENEMIES

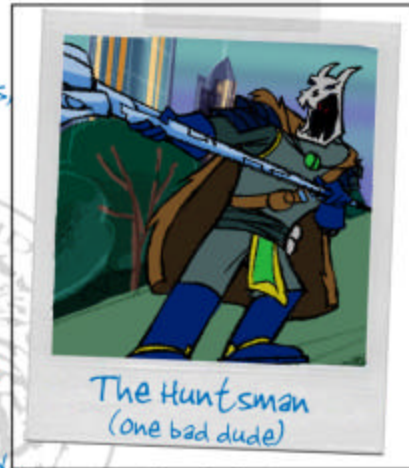
The following photographs and information will be incorporated into the Dragon Council's Most Wanted Database.

Provide a photograph and description of the Dragon Enemies and Villains that are currently active in your territory.

1) THE HUNTSMAN

This dude is seriously bad news. He is the leader of an ancient tribe of big game hunters, the Huntsclan. They are a group of humans who lead normal lives by day and secretly hunt magical creatures, mostly at night.

The Huntsclan live by a strict "code of the kill" and make their living selling magical hides and body parts to collectors and alchemists. Slaying a Dragon is a big badge of honor for any member of the Huntsclan. The Huntsman wields a nasty staff thing that seems to have more gadgets than a Swiss army knife. I've had to kick his butt several times already. Well, Grandpa helped. And Fu Dog. And Haley. Let's move on.



The Huntsman
(one bad dude)

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2) HUNTS GIRL

Hunts girl is the newest member of the Huntsclan, recently moved to NY from out of town. She's a girl about the same age as me. I think she's also training like me, only instead of learning to protect magical creatures, she's learning to kill them. I think Hunts girl is different than the Huntsman. Even when she's trying to slay me, I think I can see some good behind those beautiful blue eyes. In fact, lately those eyes have been looking more and more familiar to me. When I see her, I get those same fluttering forest sprites in my stomach as when I see Rose.



Hunts girl
Hot in a good/bad way

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Flirting/fraternizing with a dragons mortal enemies is dangerous and strictly forbidden.

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3) DR. DIENTE

The tooth fairy had this guy as her assistant, only it turned out all he wanted was to get back all the money the tooth fairy had left for kids. He said that her breaking into houses and leaving money was a 'bad business model'. Whatever. All I know is he needed a dragon tooth to make his plan work. Unfortunately for me, the tooth he wanted was still attached to my sister, Haley. Once he had the dragon tooth, he fulfilled some ancient prophecy and planted it in dirt and he turned into the huge sharp tooth monster. Luckily, I managed to stop him (and I had to miss front row seats to the HIP HOP VIDEO AWARDS! That's gotta get me some extra credit, right?).

Thing is, when I stopped him, all that was left was his glasses.

4) HERBERT THE GOBLIN and the GOBLIN CRIME SYNDICATE

Herbert is this weaselly green goblin dude who totally runs the magical world's crime ring. If something bad is going down, usually Herbert is involved somehow. Like this time, he tried to kidnap Sara and Kara, the ORACLE TWINS, to help him predict the winner of the Ogre Bowl. Have you ever SEEN Ogre Bowl? Who can tell who the winner is? They're all crushed underneath boulders!

5) ELI PANDARUS, THE WIZARD OF WALL STREET

Most normal people think this guy is the richest guy on Wall Street, but it turns out he's rich because he uses magic to get his money. Evil magic. This guy is evil with a big "E". They think 'wiz-ard' is a nickname, but he really is a wizard. And he's got this army of trolls that do his dirty work. Ugly trolls. And worst is he's got this totally gigantic spider guarding his vault, called a Kumo. ~~Eu Dog and I had to break into his vault to steal back the leprechaun gold he stole and~~ But I wouldn't know that he had a big spider guarding his vault because that would mean I trespassed into Pandarus Tower, and that would be wrong. Next question.

6) THE BOOGEYMAN

Your typical unkillable zombie maniac. Origins unknown. Feared by all. Believe me, Jason and Freddy Kruger would pee their pants if they ran into this dude. If I ever see him, though, I'll totally go Dragon on him and take him down. He doesn't scare me. NO way. And if my sister tells you I sleep with a night light, she's totally lying.

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7) THE DARK DRAGON

By far, the Dark Dragon is the most dangerous and mysterious villain I have tangled with during my first year of Dragon training. Shadowy and well-versed in black magic, he is the most powerful Dragon I have ever seen, more powerful even than the five members of the Dragon Council. He has popped up at various periods through out recorded history, suggesting that he is immortal. Despite the Dragon Council keeping meticulous records of all Dragons, the origins of the Dark Dragon remain unknown. This much is certain—he is bent on the destruction of the World Dragon Council. We have come to suspect that the Dark Dragon has an even more ambitious agenda—he wants to return control of the Earth to magical creatures and enslave the human population. He must be stopped at all costs.

The Dark Dragon is more than just another Dragon villain to Grandpa and I. Even though Grandpa and Mom don't like to talk about the details, the Dark Dragon killed my Grandma (Grandpa's wife, my Mom's Mom) back in China. This is personal.

-5 POINTS

Feelings and emotions must not play a role in your Dragon duties.

Another weird thing—The Dark Dragon seems to know everything about me, even more than I know about myself. I'm not sure if he has mind-reading capabilities or what. But he has also had the opportunity to kill me on several occasions and has let me live. In one instance, he actually swooped in and saved me when I fell from the top of the Chrysler Building and my wings got tangled. I have no idea why. There seems to be some connection between us that makes me very uneasy.

final grade:
C-

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Dragon student shows impressive natural ability but appears to have significant attitude, maturity, and concentration issues.